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CARLYLE AS A TUTOR

AN AMUSING ANECDOTE OF THE GREAT AND GLOOMY MAN.

He Had a Frown That Terrified and a Laugh That Startled His Pupils. The Day the Donkey Came to School Against His Will.

A writer in The Scotsman has unearthed an amusing anecdote of Thomas Carlyle as a country "dominie," for the accuracy of which he vouches. It was told in 1853 by a Cupar Fife lawyer and provost who had been one of Carlyle's pupils at Kirkcaldy, to the writer and Hugh Miller. The interest of this gentleman's reminiscences of his schoolmaster was heightened by his utter unconsciousness that his old dominie was the Thomas Carlyle who was then beginning to be known to fame.

The old gentleman described the older race of Scottish schoolmasters as always during school hours wearing their hats—at least keeping their heads covered—and many of the boys, viewing the peculiar angle at which the hat stood upon the head and how near it came to the eyebrows, could conjecture if the savage mood were to be that day predominant.

"But my teacher," said the provost, "a strict and gloomy disciplinarian with the name of Carlyle, never wore his hat in the school, and indeed his brow was so overhung with dark threatening that no extra expression to alarm us was needed from his lum hat! He did not thrash us either very often or very severely, but we had a fear that, if provoked, he would go great lengths in punishment. I have seen his mere scowl hush at once the whole school."

Hugh Miller here interposed by asking, "Did your teacher ever burst into a strange laugh in school?"

"That is a very odd question," returned the provost. "Why do you ask? But now that I remember, he had at times a very extraordinary laugh that made us all stare. It had a train of queer chuckling which exploded in a succession of loud and deep guffaws that shook his whole body and displayed all his teeth like the keys of a piano. He then clapped his hands on the book he held against his knees. Yet none of us never knew at what he was laughing. He had a grim smile in reproving pupils and a habit of tapping their heads with his knuckles as he told them that the heads would never be worth the price of hats or the charge of a barber, though mammas and aunts had that morning combed, kissed and blessed them, as if they were teeming with the sublimest inventions and designs!"

The provost saw that Hugh Miller and some other guests were listening eagerly, and he proceeded:

"One morning, a few minutes before the school hour, when most of the pupils had arrived, and, as rain was falling, they had gone into the school, a donkey, which had broken loose from its tether on a grassy spot near, was entering the playground. Bill Hood and I were so far on our way, and Bill, who was a stout and frolicsome lad—the ringleader in many sports and tricks—rushed to mount the animal and began to guide and force it into the school.

"With desperate spurring the donkey was induced to carry its rider over the threshhold, and what a reception both of them got from the juvenile crowds! Bags of books were at once fastened to the tail and around the neck of the ass, and so busy were Bill and half a dozen companions in urging the animal to a canter around the school and to ascend the short stair of the master's desk that they did not notice how time was speeding, and before they could remove the stranger Mr. Carlyle appeared.

"We expected a tremendous explosion of wrath, but he burst into a roar of laughter—such a roar, however, as, instead of tempting us to join in it, produced a sudden and complete hush, and that roar was renewed again and again when the ass, withdrawing its forefeet from the first step of the desk stair and turning round, took a pace or two slowly toward the master as if to salute him.

"'That,' exclaimed Carlyle, 'is the wisest and best scholar Kirkcaldy has yet sent me. He is fit to be your teacher.' He tapped the donkey's head as he was wont to do ours and said, 'There's something here far more than in the skulls of any of his brethren before me, though these skulls are patted in fond admiration by papas and mammas, and though that far grander headpiece meets only with merciless blows.'

"He then gave some hard taps on Bill Hood's head, and would not allow him to dismount, but for a penalty ordered him to ride up and down the school for an hour, while those boys who had been most active in helping Bill to go through the farce had to march in pairs before and behind the perplexed looking ass. He did not require the other scholars to attend to their several school lessons, but silently permitted them to stand as spectators of the grotesque procession. Then he himself, seated within his pulpitlike desk, surveyed Bill and his company.

"I have not for years thought of this scene," continued the provost, "but it has now come back to me freshly, and I remember that my old master had a very strange laugh. I don't know what has become of him, nor indeed have I heard of him since I left Kirkcaldy school."

No Open Dates.

"You have an elegant and spacious home," said the pastor. "You have books, a piano, a daughter who can sing and play and everything to make home alluring. Why don't you throw your house open some evening in the week for the benefit of the homeless young men? You might save many a one from the club and the saloon."

"Young men?" said the wealthy member. "There's one of them who comes to my house six evenings in the week. What are you talking about, doctor?"—Chicago Tribune.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was most yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at Dr. H. Vaughan's Drug Store.

MOONLIGHT IN MUSIC.

Story of How Beethoven Created His Wonderful Sonata.

Beethoven's famous composition, the "Moonlight Sonata," is said to have been composed under the following circumstances:

One evening, as Beethoven and a friend were hurrying through the streets of Bonn, they heard the familiar notes of the "Sonata In F." Something in the musician's touch attracted the attention of Beethoven, and he stopped and listened. Suddenly the music stopped, and the despairing words of the musician came to them through the open window, "Oh, if I could but hear some really good musician play this wonderful piece!" and the words ended in a sob.

"Let us go in," said Beethoven. They entered and found the player a young girl, poor and blind. Beethoven sat down at the old harpsichord and played as he had never played before. His listeners were spellbound. "Tell us," they begged, "who are you?" For answer he played the opening bars in the "Sonata In F." "It is Beethoven!" they exclaimed in awe and admiration.

Suddenly the candle flickered and went out. Beethoven ceased playing and bowed his head upon his hand. His friend threw open the shutters. A flood of beautiful moonlight entered the room. Its transfiguring light touched up the poor old instrument and rested upon the noble figure bowed before it. The profound silence was broken at last by the musician, who said: "Listen! I will improvise a sonata to the moonlight." Then was created this wonderful sonata, beginning in a sad, tender movement, the embodiment in sound of the gentle moonlight transfiguring and glorifying the dark earth.

Suddenly the music ceased, and with a brief farewell Beethoven hurried home to put upon paper this famous composition.—Philadelphia Saturday Post.

A REALISTIC ACT.

An Amusing Story of Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle.

While he was playing Rip Van Winkle at Chicago Jefferson once went to the theater very much exhausted by a long day's fishing on the lake. As the curtain rose on the third act it disclosed the white haired Rip still deep in his 20 years' nap. Five, 10, 20 minutes passed and he did not awaken. The audience began to get impatient and the prompter uneasy.

The great actor doubtless knew what he was about, but this was carrying the realistic business too far. The fact was that all this time Jefferson was really sleeping the sleep of the just, or rather of the fisherman who had sat eight hours in the sun. Finally the gallery became uproarious, and one of the "gods" wanted to know if there was going to be "19 years more of this snooze business!"

At this point Jefferson began to snore. This decided the prompter, who opened a small trap beneath the stage and began to prod Rip from below. The fagged comedian fumbled in his pocket for an imaginary railway ticket and muttered drowsily, "Going right through, 'ductor."

At this entirely new reading the audience was transfixed with amazement, when all at once Jefferson sat up with a loud shriek, evidently in agony. The exasperated prompter had "jabbed" him with a pin. Consciousness of the situation came to him and the play went on after that with a rush.—Philadelphia Post.

A Binding Chinese Oath.

We are accustomed to all manner of swearing—that is, of course, legal oath taking—in this country, but we do not recollect hearing of so queer a medium of attestation as a "guillotined black cockatoo." That is what the police of a country district in New South Wales had to provide the other day for a finicking Chinaman, who obstinately declined to swear on anything else. Headless fowls were brought, but in vain. Even a black swan, a luxury surely for a Chinese witness, was declined.

After many days a dead cockatoo of the required hue was discovered in a hut of one of the other "heathen," as they call the Celestials, who mulcted the officials 10 shillings for a fast decomposing bird. Then the solemn and peculiar oath was duly administered, when the difficult witness blandly declared that he knew nothing about the case and sat down smiling.—London Chronicle.

Revised Geography.

A correspondent reports an occurrence which took place at a night school.

"Williams," asked the instructor, "which is the largest island in the world?"

"It's either Asia or Africa," replied the young man to whom the question was addressed.

"I am speaking of islands, Williams. Those are continents."

"I think not, sir," drawled Williams. "When the Suez canal was cut, it made islands of both of 'em, sir. Come to think of it, sir, the largest is Asia and Europe. It's all one piece of ground."—Youth's Companion.

His First Client.

In an address delivered at Hartford the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale told the story of James Russell Lowell's first client as Lowell had told it to him. Lowell had hardly opened his law office when a stranger appeared. The young lawyer deferentially offered him a chair, took out his notebook, talked of the weather, and when he finally came to business found the stranger was a bill collector.

"What will be the cost of the war?" asked Queen Augusta when French and Germans grew belligerent. "Only a Napoleon," replied Bismarck.

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Evidence.

I don't know whether you were in the army or not," said the street-car conductor who had been instructed not to collect fares from soldiers. "You haven't your uniform." "Thats's a fact. But taste this." "It's quinine." "Yes. Watch me swallow it. There," he proceeded, as he smacked his lips; "that ought to be proof enough. When a man can eat a handful of quinine without making a face the chances are about a hundred to one that he has been in one of Uncle Sam's camps for a while."—Washington Star.

ROMAN WEALTH AND WASTE

Pearls Dissolved In Wine and a Relay of Dinners For Mark Antony.

E. H. House, writing on "Bright Sides of History" in St. Nicholas, tells this story of ancient extravagance:

"The pearl which Cleopatra drank to Antony's health was valued at nearly $400,000, so at one mouthful she disposed of as much as the cost of Caligula's supper. I suppose that was the most valuable pearl we have any knowledge of. Though Julius Cæsar owned one worth $250,000, which he gave to the mother of Brutus—the same Brutus who afterward helped to kill Cæsar, Pearls seem to have held out particular temptations to people who took pleasure in wasteful follies, perhaps because no other jewel could be so easily swallowed.

"Cleopatra's prank was not the first of its kind. The same absurdity had been committed by a silly fellow in Rome named Æsop—not your favorite fable teller, for he lived centuries earlier, and was a very wise man. The Roman Æsop was the son of a rich actor, and, just to make himself talked about, he took a pearl from the eardrop of Cæcilia, the wife of the tyrant Sylla, and, according to writers of that age, drank it in vinegar. I believe that the possibility of dissolving this kind of gem is disputed by many modern authorities, but the ancients appear to have had no doubt on the subject, for the instances recorded by them were numerous and were attested by men of scientific standing. A Japanese naturalist, who has studied pearls minutely, states that he has found them of such various quality and structure that the existence of specimens which might be melted does not seem to him inconceivable. But whether Æsop liquefied his pearl or not the performance certainly cost him a sum equivalent to $40,000—quite enough, though nothing in comparison with what Cleopatra squandered. Hers was the wildest piece of extravagance that I can recall.

"It was the fashion to be extravagant then. Mary Antony was not far behind the Egpytian queen in that respect, though his fancy was not for beverages flavored by trinkets. Substantial food was more in his line. A visitor who once went into the kitchen of his palace in Alexandria saw eight wild boars roasting at the same time and thought there must be an immense number of guests expected, but the cook told him only 12 persons would dine that day, and the reason of the extensive preparations was that no one could say exactly when Antony would go to the table. But whenever he gave the signal the meat must be just in proper condition at that moment. So it was the rule to get ready a series of dinners, overlapping one another, you might say, at intervals of 15 or 20 minutes. Only one could be eaten, and the rest were wasted, but the waste did not matter. Antony was never kept waiting, and that, in his opinion, was the thing to be considered."

MY LADY NICOTINE.

The Alleged Effects of Tobacco and Its Enormous Consumption.

Probably no pleasure of life has had its praises so much sung as smoking.

Here is the other side. Doctors say tobacco used in excess produces:

Palpitation of the heart, muscular tremblings, weakness and paralysis of the legs, dizziness of the head, noises in the ears, cold perspiration all over the body, colicky pains in the stomach, inability to exert the mind, congested and sore throat, burning of the tongue, dry and parched mouth, tartar and blackness of the teeth, confusion of sight, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the throat and nose, sallow complexion, very bad dyspepsia, lopsided mouth, nervous anxiety, cancer of the lips, diminished appetite, pale and anæmic gums, loss of memory, omission of every fifth pulse beat, ruin of the will power, irritability of temper, extreme and incurable melancholy, restlessness and sleeplessness, blindness and deafness, apoplexy and paralysis, convulsions and death.

In the case of children it stunts their growth, when a person is consumptive it hastens his death, when the heart is weak it almost completely stops the beating, when you have a cough tobacco keeps it going for weeks, and it interferes with singing and swallowing.

Yet about 1,500,000,000 pounds of it are smoked every year.—New York World.

Worthy of Whistler.

As an artist Jack Gamble is considered as independent as he is successful. He possesses an unlimited quantity of candor, upon the expression of which he places no restraint. He is much liked notwithstanding, and was not long ago offered a commission to paint the portrait of a certain wealthy man, whose features are more remarkable for their bloom than for their refinement. Jack critically scanned the broad features of his proposed subject.

"Upon one condition will I paint you," he declared dramatically.

"What!" gasped the amazed Croesus, speechless at the effrontery of this poverty stricken artist.

"Yes," pursued Gamble, with easy grace. "Upon condition that I shall be allowed to put in a little intelligence."

And the funny part of it was that Jack got the commission.—San Francisco News Letter.

Tacking.

"What do they mean by 'tacking?'" asked a young woman on her first sail of a young woman who was on her second.

"Why," said the wise one in a careful whisper, "tacking is just—just sailing on the bias, Helen."—Exchange.

Right on the Head.

Trainer—Hit him like a nail.
Pugilist—Like a nail?
Trainer—Yes; on the head.—Syracuse Herald.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, ILL., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs: she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well: now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Dr. H. Vaughan Drug Store. Large bottle 50 cents and $1.00

AN EXCITED LAWYER

A CASE THAT WORKED HIM UP TO THE BURSTING POINT.

The Outrageous Conduct of Juror No. 6 and the Explanation Which Changed the Counsel's Anger to Limp Bewilderment.

"In my 20 years' experience as a practicing lawyer," said a well known member of the bar at the Lawyers' club the other day, "I don't believe I ever went through a more exciting trial than one I took part in out at Freehold, N. J. When I say exciting, I mean exciting for me, for I was the only one who appeared to be concerned about the conduct of the man who occupied the sixth seat in the jury box.

"The case was a civil action, and I represented the plaintiff. It was a small matter, and we were suing for only $500, but as my client happened to be a personal friend, and he was more anxious to establish a principle than to collect any money, I was out to win.

"The judge was a sedate individual, who slept most of the time, and the jury looked as though it had been drafted from the hayfields. I scored well for my client with the first witness and was looking out of the corner of my eye to see what effect the point had had with the jury, when I noticed the man in No. 6 scowling furiously at me. When I continued to make headway with the next witness, he shook his head, scowled and looked as though he'd like to eat me up. The rest of the jurymen kept watching him, and I began to think I was up against a pretty stiff proposition.

"Finally I threw a question at a witness, which if honestly answered I knew would establish our claim to damages. No. 6 evidently thought so, too, for he rose from his seat, shook his head vigorously at the judge, and leaning over the rail waited for the judge's decision, for by this time the defendant's counsel had made an objection.

"The judge ruled against me, and No. 6 fell back into his seat and laughed as though it was the funniest thing he had ever heard. I was mad clean through by this time. Such outrageous conduct I had never seen in court.

"'Your honor,' I began protestingly.

"'Go on with the case,' roared his honor.

"'But, sir,' I began, 'this is the most extraordinary'—

"'Go on with the case,' interrupted the judge once more, and seeing it was vain to protest I went on.

"Well, this thing went on all through the trial. Every point I made brought a scowl to the face of No. 6. Every point my opponent made brought smiles to his face. When I summed up, he kept shaking his head vigorously and saying things in an ugly tone, but under his breath. Once he threw his hands up in the air in protest, and I got so mad that I could have hauled him out of that box and thrashed him with pleasure.

"When the defense summed up, the fellow grinned with delight. He shook his head approvingly at all the lawyer said, and once, when the lawyer indulged in abuse of me, he clapped his hands together as though he was dying to applaud. During the judge's charge he scowled and smiled alternately, according to which side his honor favored.

"'We're gone,' I whispered to my client, 'and I never engaged in a better case than this. Rather than submit to such a barefaced steal I'll fight this case through every court in the state, and without a cent of fee too.'

"The judge had finished by this time, and the jury had risen to go out. To my utter astonishment, No. 6 jumped over the rail of the jury box, and going over to where the defendant and his lawyer sat clapped the former on the shoulder and said in a loud voice, 'You'll win sure.' Here my indignation got the better of me. Rushing over to No. 6, I took him by the arm and wheeled him around.

"'See here, sir, the jury has retired, and you might better be with them than talking to the defendant and his counsel.'

"'Why should I be with 'em?' he replied.

"'Why, good heavens, man, can the jury deliberate while you're in the courtroom and they're elsewhere?'

"'Don't know why not,' he replied. 'I ain't no juror.'

"'Then who the devil are you?' I demanded.

"'He's my hired man,' put in the defendant.

"'Then what was he doing in the jury box?'

"'Why, consarn it, there warn't another seat in the room,' said the hired man. 'Didn't suppose I was goin ter stand up, did yer?'

"I went back to my seat, completely bewildered, and as I sat down the jury came in, having been out five minutes. They gave me the verdict, and I was truly the most astonished man in the state of New Jersey at that moment.

"I found out afterward that before I began active work in the case juror No. 6 had been sick for a week and that the other 11 jurors had been acting without him under instruction from the court."—New York Sun.

False Alarm.

Wife (time, midnight)—Hark! Husband, wake up! I hear the rustling of silk and the clang of chains.

Husband—You do? Horrors! Then the reports are true. I was told this house was haunted.

Wife (much relieved)—Oh, is that all? I was afraid that Fido had broken loose and was tearing my new ball dress.—London Fun.

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A MONOMANIACAL WITNESS.

How His Phase of Lunacy Was Developed During a Trial.

"That calls to mind a queer experience of my own," said a lawyer who had listened to a story. "Some years ago I defended a fellow for murder in a little southern town, and the worst witness we had against us was an old German who was a stackbuilder by trade. A stack, by the way, is merely another name for a big chimney.

"The old fellow was perfectly honest and gave his evidence in such a clear, straightforward manner that I felt my client was doomed unless I could think of some way to break him down. While I was cudgeling my brains a friend whispered to me to ask him how high he could build a stack. 'What do you mean?' I asked, in surprise. 'Never mind,' said my friend. 'Just slip in that question and see.'

"So at the tail end of the cross examination I paused, as if struck by an afterthought, and said, 'You are a stackbuilder, I believe?' 'Yes, sir,' replied the witness. 'Well, sir,' I continued, 'about how high can you build'— I never got any further. A swift, inscrutable change flashed over the German's face, and he rose excitedly from his chair. 'As high as der sky!' he roared. 'So high dose angels come around it like birds!'

"In five seconds he was raving. You see, the man was a monomaniac—sane on every subject but one, and my friend happened to know his weak spot. It is hardly necessary to say that his evidence in regard to the homicide was promptly ruled out by the judge, and as there was no other witness of importance my man was cleared. The rascal should have been hanged and would have been but for the lucky reference to the stack."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

TWO OF THEM.

Private O'Mars' Tart Retort to His Unaccommodating Colonel.

Here is a story told of Patrick O'Mars, a private in the Ninth regulars: Not long ago he went to the colonel, who was a severe disciplinarian, for a two weeks' leave of absence.

"Well," said the colonel, "what do you want a two weeks' furlough for?"

Patrick answered, "Me woife is very sick, and the children are not well, and if ye didn't mind she would like to have me home for a few weeks to give her a bit of assistance."

The colonel eyed him for a few minutes and said: "Patrick, I might grant your request, but I got a letter from your wife this morning saying that she didn't want you home; that you were a nuisance and raised the devil whenever you were there. She hopes I won't let you have any more furloughs."

"That settles it. I suppose I can't get the furlough then?" said Pat.

"No, I'm afraid not, Patrick. It wouldn't be well for me to do so under the circumstances."

It was Patrick's turn now to eye the colonel as he started for the door. Stopping suddenly, he said:

"Colonel, can I say something to yez?"

"Certainly, Patrick. What is it?"

"You won't get mad, colonel, if I say it?"

"Certainly not, Patrick. What is it?"

"I want to say there are two splendid liars in this room, and I'm one of them. I was never married in me loife."—New York Tribune.

She Studied French.

Four young women were walking together on Charles street today and engaged in animated conversation.

"What do you think I done today, Clara?" said one. "I translated 40 pages of French exercise. Wasn't that fine?"

"Fine," said the other, "I should say it was. I wish I had done as good. I only translated 20."

Comment is unnecessary, but one feels like asking, Is this a sign of the times? Is what Mme. Butterfly called "United States American English" being neglected for the so called accomplishments?

One can forgive the woman who, gazing at some renaissance lace, blandly remarks, "Ah, that is the 'Rennysant,'" but for the girl who assidnously studies French and murders English meanwhile, as Macbeth murdered sleep, there seems no possible excuse.—Baltimore News.

What Is a Signature?

When Constable was requested to put his signature to one of his pictures, he answered, "Why, my dear sir, it is signed all over." Let the preacher preserve his personality, and his sermon also will be "signed all over." A number of Thackeray's pen and ink sketches were sold not long since in London, and, although they bore no monogram or signature, no one disputed their genuineness. A true preacher also cannot be hid.

That which John had seen and with his own hands handled of the word of life could never be to any other person just what it was to him. A preacher who puts himself into his sermon is as readily detected in his sermon as anywhere else. Even his apprehension of truth, his way of looking at it, his fashion of delivering it, is all his own. Let us repeat it. His sermon will be "signed all over."—Homiletic Review.

Perish the Thought!

First Golfer—I believe I could make some money getting out a cheap golf dictionary.

Second Golfer—Don't do it, man; don't do it. Do you want the sacred language of the game to become common?—Indianapolis Journal.

A Work of the Imagination.

"You are not looking at my face now at all," said the sitter.

"No," observed the painter. "I'm putting in the expression now."—Chicago Tribune.

Those "Little Arts In Ease."

Once a man was asked the reason for his going to see a certain girl so frequently, as it was well known that he was not in love with her. He replied by saying that she had the most comfortable divan in town.

"And as to being in love with her—well, I don't know! I's those little arts in ease make a man fall in love with a woman, I believe," he said.

Now, a knowledge of "those little arts" is born in some women; others do not even know how to try for them. But they are worth cultivating, it would seem.—New York Tribune.

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As they round me throng.
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In the mellow lamplight
Hushed their voices all,
Whilst they watch me making
Shadows on the wall!

Through the happy silence
Rings their laughter low
As upon the wall there
Shadows come and go.
Nurse, unseen, unheeded,
Watches from the door,
Whilst the children's voices
Plead for just one more!

One by one they leave me,
Till I sit alone,
Seeing in the twilight
Shadows of my own,
Long forgotten fancies,
Dreams in olden guise.
Till from heart to eyelids
Tears, unbidden, rise.
Happy, happy children!
Time has joys for all;
Only some are fleeting
Shadows on the wall!
—London Mail.

HOW HE GAINED COURAGE.

General Chaffee's Way of Giving a Recruit Confidence.

A youth of 18 who was in the trenches at El Caney carrying a gun was so badly frightened under fire that he went flat on his face and was roundly kicked by his companions. General Chaffee came along and called to him, "Well, you're a fine soldier!" Then he looked at the boyish face of the kid, and his face softened. "I suppose you can't help it," he said. "It ain't so much your fault. I'd like to get hold of the fellow that took you into the army." By and by he put his hand on the boy's shoulder. "There isn't so much danger as you think for," said the general. "Now, you get up and take your gun and fight, and I'll stand here by you."

The boy got up, shaking like a leaf and fired his first shot pretty near straight into the air.

"That's pretty high," said the general. "Keep cool and try it again."

In three minutes that kid was fighting like a veteran and cool as a cucumber, and when he saw it the general started on.

"You're all right now, my boy," he said. "You'll make a good soldier."

"God bless you, sir," said the youngster. "You saved me from worse than death." And he was pretty close to crying when he said it.

After a while the order came to retire from the trench, and soldiers had to collar that kid and haul him away by the neck to get him to retreat with his company. And at that he'd got a bullet through the fleshy part of his shoulder an hour before. In the rest of the fights there wasn't a better soldier in the company.—Chicago Journal.

Theatrical "Props."

Props comprise all the portable articles required in a play. Guns and pistols—which too often fail to go off at the critical moment—are props; loaves of bread, fowls, fruit, all made of a rough papier mache, are also props. We may also include those wondrous gilt goblets, only seen on the stage, which make such a nonmetallic thud when they fall and bounce upon the boards, as among the achievements of the property man.

But it is at pantomime time that that individual is at his busiest. Big masks and make believe sausages and vegetables, without which no pantomime would be complete, are mingled with fairy wands, garlands of artificial flowers, basket work frames for the accommodation of giants and other articles too numerous to mention.

How the right things are forthcoming at the right moment is one of those mysteries only known to property men. Had one of these useful members of the theatrical world the ability and inclination to write a book what an entertaining volume could he turn out!—Chambers' Journal.

Original if Not Accurate.

This, says The Scottish Leader, is a genuine extract from a schoolboy's recent "Essay on Nelson:"

"Oh! Harding, kiss me again," were the butefull words of a heroik mortal who won a grate battle with one eye and a wooden leg. Before the bloody context this motto was uttered by him. "The queen expects every man to do his duty." When he died the queen met him in a boat and he went to St. Paul's and was buried. This is a marvelous lesson to me and all schoolboys. Do your duty to your parstors and masters and then even with a single leg you can say, "with this simple thing I will do my duty." As Nelson himself said, "Even though you are only man you can do your duty."

Human Nature.

"You know," said the collector rather plaintively, "you said that you would pay me if I came today."

"Well," answered Mr. Bildew, "you must bear in mind that human nature is human nature. The best of us sometimes say things that we are sorry for."—Washington Star.

A Swell.

"So in your last place you were valet to a count? When did you have to call him in the morning?"

"At half past 7."

"Call me at a quarter to 8!"—Fliegende Blatter.

There was only an edition of 750 of Herbert Spencer's "Social Statics." It took 14 years to sell. Of the "Principles of Psychology," also brought out at the author's cost, only 650 were sold in 12½ years. The first series of essays, 500 copies, took 10½ years.

Muslin owes its name to Mussoul, a fortified town in Turkey, in Asia. Tulle obtains its name from that of a city in the south of France.

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NEW CORN PRODUCT.

VALUABLE FOOD FOR CATTLE MADE FROM CORNSTALKS.

The new corn products, upon which investigations have been conducted at the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station to determine its value as a stock food, has been given much consideration by the farming community of the State; in fact, many States have taken up the subject and are conducting experiments to ascertain its relative feeding value. In the process of the extraction of the pith, the blades and husk are first removed and the stalks are cut up in small pieces. After the extraction of the pith from the stalk the balance is ground up into meal, which in general appearance resembles coarse bran. This ground material is termed the "new corn product." The new corn produt contains eleven pounds per hundred more digestible matter and two pounds per hundred more digestible protein than the whole fodder shredded. During the past few years much has been done in the way of testing methods for preparing corn fodder for feeding, with most of the results in favor of some method of shredding the stalk. Shredding possesses many points which makes it superior to the ordinary or old way of cutting fodder, the principal one of which is that the shredded fodder is almost wholly eaten by animals.

It is found that the new corn product contains within one pound as much total digestible matter as wheat bran, but less than one third as much digestible protein; consequently the nutritive ratio is wider. It was further observed that animals fed with fattening ration with the new corn product base made more gain in live weight and upon less feed than with a fattening ration of the same grain and corn blades. The keeping qualities of the new corn product are as good as linseed meal, cotton seed meal or wheat bran, and rations made up with this material can be fed with less labor and less waste of feed than when hay and fodder are fed separately, as ordinarily practiced.

A teacher in the Cleveland public schools recently asked for an imaginary conversation between a grocery man and a customer.

Among the compositions handed in was the following by a sweet little girl who may some day grow up to be a second Octave Thanet or Mary E. Wilkins:

"What do you want?" asked the merchant.

The lady replied: "A pound of tea."

"Green or black?" asked the merchant.

"I think I'll take black," she said; "it's for a funeral."—Cleveland Leader.

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BY DEMOCRATIC AID.

The Democratic members of the House yesterday forced the election of speaker, as they should have done in the interest of the people. The decisive ballot, the 91st, was the first cast yesterday morning and was:

For Theodore F. Clark, 18.
For William Tharp, 13.

Representatives O'Day and J. B. Clark, Democrats, refused to vote.

Representatives Frizzel and West deserted the Regulars and voted for Tharp.

The vote for Clerk was:

Benj. F. Shepherd, of Rising Sun, New Castle county, 20.

Andrew J. Lynch, of Georgetown, 12.

William T. Smithers, of Dover, 1.

Mr. Shepherd is a Union Republican.

Six ballots were taken for Sergeant-at-arms, the final ballots resulting:

Andrew Isham, 16.
Joshua Spanish, 13.

The able pastor of the Dover Presbyterian church was elected chaplain on the fourth ballot:

The Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, 17; the Rev. W. F. Talbot, 12; the Rev. John F. Du Hamel, 4.

Eight ballots were required to elect a page. The result of the last ballot was: Harvey Palmatory, Dem., 17; Rowland Johnson, 16.

The criticisms of the TRANSCRIPT upon the delay, written before the organization was effected, are just as true now as when written, and we let them go for future good.

AN UNPARDONABLE WRANGLE.

The Republicans of the General Assembly have shown exceedingly poor political judgment in the wrangle in which they have indulged in attempting to organize the House. We say "the Republicans of the General Assembly" since it would seem at least some of the Republican members of the Senate are advisers to the House and these senators had "troubles of their own" on the eve of the organization, though they are but a minority in the Senate. There are exceptions to all rules and we doubt not there are enough cool and well-balanced minds among the Republican members of the House to have organized easily and rightly, if left to themselves. The "leaders" with axes to grind should be spanked and sent home; only "leaders" of judgment, who can give and take honestly should be listened to. This is good advice; it is right. Such an unseemly wrangle, and unpardonable, has done great harm to the Republican Party, and the rights of the Republicans of the State should not be so treated by the Republican members of the House and their advisers.

We do not know the cause for the failure to organize the House promptly. "Therefore you should not write about it" says a "smart small fry." It may be a reason why we should write the more. We are unprejudiced in the matter, and we are interested. Certainly it is not because of factional differences. Men must recognize that if the Republican Party is to live there must be honorable agreements, made out open and above board to give and take. As we understand it the Union Republicans are in the majority in the House, if so we should say that when they presented a fair and competent man for speaker and had agreed to a fair distribution of the other offices, their choice should be accepted for speaker and the House should organize. We have heard nothing against Mr. Tharp, their candidate for speaker. He is a nephew of a former governor of the State and an honorable ex-soldier. Why not elect him? Then why not learn a lesson from the Democrats and elect as clerk an editor, a Republican editor who receives no official patronage, but who never falters in advocacy of his party principles? Why not?

But why this disagreement? We have said it is unreasonable to think it is chargeable to factionalism alone. The refusal of the Regulars to accept Democratic aid, tendered as the Democrats said to facilitate organization and business, is proof that it is not. Had it been, alert politicians would have accepted the votes and have elected the speaker. Why is it? We do not know, but we and all Republicans have a right to know since it is inflicting an injury to the party, shortening the session which should be the most important in Delaware's legislative history. Why is it?

We do not believe the "Milford Chronicle" solves the difficulty either. It says it is "corporation vs. anti-orporation." We do not believe the factions would split even on that line—it is so improbable that we do not believe it. The "Chronicle" says:

"To most people it appears a contest between the Union Republicans and the Regulars; but that is only part of the question. The real factor in the situation is the interest of corporations in prospective legislation. The Pennsylvania railroad lobby are earnestly working to have a railroad man, Theodore F. Clark, of New Castle county, chosen as Speaker, because that means control of the Committee on Corporations, while the anti-railroad people are backing Representative Tharp. Several Democrats with anti-railroad proclivities, refuse to carry out the propositions made by lobbyists of the Democratic side and the Regulars, which succeeded in turning down John Pyle and organizing the Senate, and if they can organize the House, or even prevent any session they will have served their corporations and masters, as the New Constitution places the granting of incorporate rights with the courts, subject to laws regulating the same to be enacted by the Legislature. With both branches in their control a general incorporation law can be made favorable to present monopolies, which would be difficult to amend or repeal. This is a fight of the people for freedom and justice, and there must be no compromise.

ERRATA.

"The new year dawns at midnight" says a poetic exchange. Is the expression correct?

"The farm on which ex-Gov. Cochran was born is now tenanted by Mrs. Benj. Gibbs" said our kind informant as to matters relating to the governor, and the TRANSCRIPT not being familiar with the lands here thought the expression meant present ownership and so stated last week. We are extremely sorry for the mistake since for over fifty years this fine farm has been the home and in the possession of Mrs. Gibbs and her sons and daughters. We offer our apology.

International Sunday School Lesson for January 8th, 1899.

Jesus' First Disciples. John 1: 34-46.

Read the whole chapter.

Golden Text—"Behold the lamb of God. John 1: 36.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." We can understand something of the adoration which John felt as he looked on Him of Whom he had been witnessing, as he testified, "This is the Son of God." He also testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove, and it abide upon Him." The Father also testified, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

As John stood there in holy awe and reverence, two of his diciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus When Jesus saw them following Him He asked them, "What seek ye?" and they said they wanted to know where He lived. Then He said. "Come and see." We can imagine what a dwelling place it must have been, for He said later, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has not where to lay His head." These two men were in earnest in their wish to be with Him, for they abode with Him that day.

One of the two men who followed Jesus was Andrew; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is named for him. The first thing that he did was to find his brother Peter and tell him that he had found the Messiah, and bring him to Jesus. When Jesus saw Peter, He told him he should be called a stone. He afterward explained that Peter was a rolling stone, and on the solid rock, Jesus, the church should be built.

The next day Jesus went into Galilee and found Philip and said to him; "Follow Me." This was his call to service. Maybe some of us mistake the call—a servant, a waiter a minister; serving, waiting on, ministering to the children of God in Jesus' name; waiting for him now; and soon to wait on Him and on His children forever. There was another man, named Nathaniel, that Philip must have been very much interested in for he took the trouble to hunt him up and tell him hat they had found Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah, the same that Moses and the Prophets had written about centuries before, and for whom the people were waiting.

Perhaps Nathaniel did not know that the Messiah was to be a man, suffering and tempted like us, though without sin; and knowing all about men because He was one of them so he said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" The only answer to such a question was' "Come and see." What a blessed thing Jesus said to Nathaniel when he came to Him to be one of His followers forever! How enthusiastically we say, like one of old, when we take the time or trouble to come to Him, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righeousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

SUSSEX COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

Wright C. Wilson of Norfolk, Va. and Miss Mary Lee Phillips of Seaford were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, by the Rev. R. K. Stephenson.

Whilst sitting in their Milford office on Saturday last, Messrs. B. T. Collins and Captain Riggs, as also George Willey and Charles Wilkins, who were seated there at the time, barely escaped what might have been a fatal bullet from the rifle of some person unknown. The bullet went through and through the office, and even cut the coat sleeve of one of the occupants.

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MY MARYLAND.

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The Gale farm near Union M. E. Church, Kent County, owned by Messrs. Harry E. and Samuel F. Cooper was sold Tuesday at private sale to Jacob B. Crowding for $4000. This farm contains 112 acres.

Mr. John K. Skinner, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Queen Anne county, died at his residence, near Wye Camp ground, last Monday night, aged 79 years. Death was caused by general debility, and was hastened by an attack of grip. Mr. Skinner had resided at the place where he died all his life. He was an active member of M. E. Church and stood high in its councils. He has been a consistent Republican since the organization of that party, but held no office—Centreville Observer.

Mr. Allen Biggs died under distressing circumstances at Georgetown, Md., last week. Mrs. S. A. Biggs keeps a small general store at Georgetown, and Mr. Biggs, her brother-in-law clerked for her. He complained of feeling drowsy and asked Mrs. Biggs to get him a drink of whiskey; she told him to keep quiet and she would try to get him some, but upon looking around a few moments later the unfortunate man was dead. Four empty laudanum bottles were found and the idea of suicide is entertained by many. Coroner George R. Rouse was summoned but after hearing the report of Dr. Scott, the physician, deemed an inquest unnecessary. Mr. Biggs was about forty-five years of age and unmarried.—Chestertown Transcript.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Goldsborough, wife of Mr. John Goldsborough, an employee of the Baltimore Sub-treasury, and a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Queen Anne county, died at the residence of her son, E. B. Goldsborough in Centreville, Sunday morning, after an illness of but four days of pneumonia. She was born at Chesterfield," near Centreville, on August 9th, 1831, her maiden name being Fallowfield, and was the granddaughter of Mr. Daniel Newman, a large land-owner and leading citizen of the county in anti-bellum days. On October 8th, 1849, she was married to Mr. Goldborough and they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary next year.

Peninsula Horticultural Society.

One of the largest and best meetings of the Peninsula Horticultural Society yet held will begin on January 11th and continue for three days in Smyrna Opera House, and matters that are profitable or disadvantageous to the growers of fruit and fine vegetables all over Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia will be thoroughly discussed.

The Hon. John H. Hoffecker, Congressman-elect from Delaware, will welcome the convention, and John J. Rosa, of Milford, will preside. Dr. John J. Black, of New Castle, will deliver the general report on fruits. The Hon. Jonathan S. Willis, of Milford, will speak on "Our Peach Orchards" Samuel T. Earle, of Centreville, Md., on "Pear Culture," C. Gunby Brown, of Camden, Del., "Apples on the Peninsula;" Professor G. Harold Powell, Delaware Experiment Station, on "Education in Horticulture;" George Biddle, Elkton, Md., "Nut Culture," James S. Harris, Still Pond, Md., "Packages and Implements;" E. H. Bancroft Camden, Del., "Fertilizers;" L. E. Anthony, Smyrna, Grape Culture," J. B. Gilchrist, Milford, "Small Fruits;" Walter F. Taber, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "Practical Methods of Growing Grapes;" Dr. C. O. Townsend, State patbologist of Maryland, "Fungous Diseases; Prof. W. G. Johnson, state entomologist of Maryland, "The Insects of the Year;" Captain R. S. Emory, Chestertown, Md., "Fighting the San Jose Scale;" John W. Hall, Marion Md., "Potato Culture;" Leonard Swartz, Easton, Md., "The White Potato;" A. J. Wilson, Easton Md., "The Tomato;" Dr. Charles Lowndes, Easton Md., "The Household Garden;" J. Colby Smith, Willow Grove, Del., "Bees, in Their Relation to Horticulture;" J. W. Kerr Denton, Md., "Marketing."

One of the most interesting features of the convention will be a magnificent exhibition of choice fruits which have been carefully gathered by a special committee of the society, and are now in cold storage. All the meetings will be public as will also the exhibits of these experts in fruit growing. A N. Brown, of Wyoming will submit the committee's report on transportation, and Captain R. S. Emory, of Chestertown, Md., on "Legislation."

LITERARY NOTES.

To write an article for maids and mothers, and then to make it so interesting that it will rivet the attention of the fathers of maids and husbands of wives, is a guarantee of very wide reading. Professor Thurston Peck, of Columbia University, has succeeded in doing this in the paper which he devotes to women in the January Cosmopolitan. Professor Peck has a keenly analytical mind, and he weighs the pros and cons very carefully. His conclusions are tender and compassionate, but nevertheless very emphatic. It is a valuable contribution to "New Woman" literature.

A very curious presentation of the number of Irishmen, of the stamp of Wolseley in England, the Duke of Tetuan in Spain, General O'Beirne in Russia, Viscount Taafe in Hungary, who are leaders in many nations, is given in the January Cosmopolitan under the title, "Irish Leaders in Many Nations." It will be found interesting to all who have even a drop of Irish blood in their veins. "The Jews in Jerusalem" is another article in the same number possessing interest for a large class.

Points From the Calendar.

Following are the holidays and church festivals for the year 1899 which are of general interest:

The Epiphany, Friday, January 6th.
Septuagesima Sunday, January 29th.
The Feast of the Purification, Candlemas Day, Thursday, February 2d.
St. Valentine Day and Shrove Tuesday, February 14th.
Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, February 15th.
Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22d.
Palm Sunday, March 26th.
Good Friday, March 31st.
Easter Day, Sunday, April 2d.
Ascension Day, Thursday, May 11th.
Whit Sunday, May 21st.
Trinity Sunday, May 28th.
Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30th.
Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4th.
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23d.
1st Sunday in Advent, December 3d.
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th.

THE ORGANIZATION.

The members of the General Assembly met in Dover on Monday to counsel and caucus in the evening for organization the next day. All had "troubles of their own" but the Democrats of the Senate finally agreed on their officers, Senator Salmon of this district, being elected president pro tem over John Pyle, of Wilmington, by a vote of 5 to 4. At the organization the next day their caucus ticket was elected as follows:

President pro tem—Charles H. Salmon, Summit Bridge.

Clerk—C. W. Kenney, Laurel.

Reading Clerk—Thomas Baxter, West Dover hundred.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Stockley Daniels, Appoquinimink hundred.

Chaplain—Rev. William Randall, Kent county.

Page—William Walls, Dover.

The Republicans cast their votes complimentary as follows.

Speaker, Webster J. Blakely; Clerk, Frank Davis, Kent county; Reading Clerk, Everett C. Johnson, Sussex county; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jno. Montague, Kent county and for the Democratic nominees for chaplain and page.

The Wilmington "Sun" says the election of Mr. Salmon is a "corporation victory" but the "Sun" says whatever it pleases.

The Republican members of the House failed to agree upon nominations and have been fighting it out on the floor.

The Union Republicans agreed on the following nominees:

Speaker—William Tharp, Kent county.

Clerk—Benjamin F. Sheppard, New Castle county.

Reading Clerk—John Barr, Sussex county.

Enrolling Clerk—Walter G. Harrington, Kent county.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Joshua Spanish, Sussex county.

Chaplain—Rev. W. J. Tolbert, Kent county.

Page—Rowland Johnson, Kent county.

The Regulars having ten to the Union Republicans eleven members gave their votes to Theodore F. Clark of Delaware City. Representatives Pilling of this county and Conoway of Sussex are ill and not in attendance. On Tuesday the members were sworn in, Representative Jabez Jenkins having been elected Speaker pro tem On Wednesday 54 ineffectual ballots were taken for speaker. On Thursday 36 additional ballots were taken. Once the Democrats voted for Mr. Clark giving him 22 votes but the Republicans left him before the vote was announced. The Democrats have had not a little fun at the expense of their Republican colleagues.

CURRENT EVENTS.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

Five men were injured, some of them fatally, by the explosion of an infernal machine in the railroad depot at New Albany, Miss.

The present regular army costs $24,342,434, while that provided in the Hull bill would cost $82,053,665, an increase of $57,710,231.

Comment has been occasioned by the statement filed by the widow of Calvin S. Brice which fixes the late Senator's fortune at less than a million. He was rated at $25,000,000.

Controller of Currency Dawes announces that the Philadelphia Record must be sold forthwith to satisfy creditors of the defunct Chestnut Street National Bank and the other interests of the late William M. Singerly.

George S. Graham, former district attorney of Philadelphia, has been invited to conduct the criminal prosecutions against Senator. Quay by his successor in office, P. F. Rothermel. Mr. Quay will be defended by A. S. L. Shield and Rufus Shapley.

Charles Memberger, twenty-seven years of age, who was found lying by the New York Central tracks at Buffalo, N. Y. last Friday with his skull fractured is dead. On the evening of the day on which he received his injuries Memberger began to whistle though he was wholly unconscious and remained so to the last. He whistled all sorts of tunes, and without cessation, for ninety-five hours, and never ceased until shortly before he died.

The New York Sun notes the failure in that city since Christmas of ten large houses dealing in holiday goods, and also notes that not one of them advertised in newspapers. In contrast to this the largely advertised houses report an extraordinary holiday trade. The same conditions that prevail in New York prevail elsewhere in the country. The merchant who does not advertise might as well do business with his front shutters closed.

The great Philadelphia clock began to beat time with the new year. It is in the city hall tower and is one of the curiosities of the city. It has four dials, one on each face of the square tower. Each dial is twenty-five feet in diameter. The minute hands on each dial are sixteen feet in length and weigh two hundred and twenty-five pounds each; the hour hands are nine feet in length and weigh one hundred and seventy-five pounds each. The power is furnished by electric motors.

Henry Watterson, the versatile genius of the Courier-Journal, in the New Year editorial of his paper referring to the national Democratic outlook, said: "The voters have about made up their minds that party pledges are fabricated chiefly to be broken. Let the Democrats, banking on this circumstance, put up a ticket without a platform; let them nominate candidates for President and Vice-President who are a platform in themselves; and if they can induce the great Admiral and the gallant General to accept, here is the card to win with: For President, George Dewey, of Vermont. For Vice-President, Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia. Platform—The Stars and Stripes, God bless them.

A Judge sitting at Mount Vernon, Ind., has acquired a national reputation through his treatment of "bad boy" cases. He orders them whipped. On several occasions the thrashing has been done in his presence by the parents of the offending youth. The other day His honor sub-let the job to the turnkey of the county jail and with satisfactory results.

There are many thousands of Americans who heartily applaud this method of correcting the young. They also concede that it proves far more efficacious than a term in some reform school, where contact with those older in vice makes young folks confirmed criminals.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 8—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—A precious invitation.—Math. xi, 25-30.—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Math. xi, 25.

This is the most precious of all Christ's invitations, but much of the richness of it is lost because it is taken apart from its surroundings. To properly understand it we must have a picture of the entire chapter before us. Up to this point, by the record of Matthew, Christ's life has been fairly successful, but now the tide turns. The doubt of John, the unreasonableness of humanity, the unbelief of favored cities now thrust themselves upon Him, but still His heart is touched by their great need, their vain and unsatisfactory efforts to save themselves, and in spite of doubt, unreasonableness and unbelief, He invites them to come to Him for rest. Notice:

1. The Inviter. The one who gives this great invitation, containing such a precious promise, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. "Come to Me," He says, "and I will give you rest." We want two characteristics in one who makes us a precious promise, (1) the ability to fulfill it and (2) the willingness to fulfill it. Either without the other makes the promise of no value. Christ possesses both. As the Son of God He has the power, and, being divine, He must have the willingness. Divinity could not be faithless to a promise. We can accept this invitation therefore with confident assurance, because of the character of the one who gives it, that the promise it contains will be fulfilled.

2. The Invited. They are those who "labor and are heavy laden." There are three such classes in the world. 1. Those who are physically weary and heavy laden, worn out by the toils and burdens of life. 2. Those who are mentally heavy laden; borne down mentally by the failures, disappointments and afflictions of life. 3. Those who are spiritually weary and heavy laden, who are not at peace with God; whose consciences are ill at ease, who are seeking spiritual rest, but do not find it. Christ addresses the third class here. He speaks to those who are burdened with sin and wearied with false conceptions of religion. Their religious life is unsatisfactory. It does not bring peace to their souls.

3. The Invitation. The promise contained in the invitation is "rest," not physical or mental, but spiritual rest. "Ye shall find rest unto your souls." It is soul rest that is promised, but soul rest insures to a large extent physical and mental rest. Sin is the cause of the unrest of the world. Make the soul at peace with God and physical and mental burdens largely lose their burdensomeness.

To have this promise fulfilled in us we must take Christ as our religious Leader and Guide. We must follow Him and obey Him. We must take His yoke upon us, but it is easy (wholesome), and His burden is light because it is a labor of love. If weary and heavy laden, let us accept this great and precious invitation.

Bible Readings.—Isa. i, 18-20; lv, 1-13; Jer. vi, 16; Math. xix, 16-22; xxii, 1-14; xxv, 34-46; Mark i, 16-18; x, 17-22; Luke xv, 11-24; John x, 1-9; xiv, 1-7; Acts vii, 1-4; Gal. vi, 9; I John v, 3; Rev. xxii, 17.

Willful Blindness.

As we look through a telescope and obtain a glimpse of the wonders it reveals or as we study the results which have been attained by experts in its use the mind is naturally impressed with the grandeur and power of the Creator of the heavenly bodies. When we learn something of their movements through space, movements so absolutely accurate that their phases and positions can be foretold with perfect certainty long centuries in advance, defying competition by the most perfect instruments of human devising, it is impossible with any show of reason to deny the controlling presence of an infinite mind.—Episcopal Recorder.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 8, "A Precious Invitation." Text, Math. xi, 28-30.

"Come unto Me."

The lot of a beast of burden in the east is far from an easy one. Heavy loads, long hours of work, scant feed and abundant abuse are all too frequent. During the journey or the hours of work in the field little relief need be expected. Pathetic as is the condition of dumb animals, that of human beings is often more miserable and helpless. As the nature is higher and more capable of knowledge and spiritual pleasure it is by that very fact exposed to keener pain and consciousness of evil.

How many, even young in life, grow heartsick and soul tired, spirit hungry and utterly weary with the endless toil and strife. They crave love and good cheer. To all who find the burdens of life heard to bear, Jesus calls as a kind hearted man might call to an overloaded animal, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Is it possible that in the midst of the work the pack shall be taken from the back and it shall be allowed to wander free and feed and sleep and rest? This is impossible while the caravan must move on in the desert and the plow be pulled through the furrow and the grain be trodden out on the thrashing floor. The work must go on, the load must be carried for our good and the good of others. The oasis and wells shadowed by palm trees are not yet reached. What then?

"Take My yoke upon you."

He puts His own neck into the yoke with us. He harnesses Himself alongside us to the plow. His own back shares the load we carry. His strength takes the weight that crushed us and we grow strong by His side. His presence beside us gives the thrill of companionship and cheer. He touches us as no other one does. He works so easily, so gladly, so tenderly with us. He shows us how to carry our part that still remains. The road is no shorter, the sun no less scorching, the load not an ounce less; but, oh, what a change! His yoke has made all so easy! The soul rests. The harness no longer chafes and galls. With songs of gladness we can do our work because we are working with and for Christ.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was most yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at Dr. H. Vaughan's Drug Store.

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Night Dresses Night Dresses of muslin, yoke of cluster of plaits and insertion, collar and sleeves trimmed with cambric ruffle; 50c.

Night Dresses of muslin, square neck front, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery; 65c.

Night Dresses of muslin, empire style, collar and sleeves trimmed with cambric ruffle, front trimmed with embroidery and insertion; 38c. Three pieces only sold to one buyer.

Night Dresses of cambric, V neck front, trimmed with lace and ribbon bow; 75c.

Night Dresses of muslin, yoke of cluster plaits, two rows of insertion, collars and sleeves trimmed with embroidery; 38c. Three pieces only sold to one buyer.

Night Dresses of muslin, yoke of six rows of insertion and fine plaits, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery; $1.00.

Night Dresses of muslin, yoke of fine cluster of plaits, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery; 85c.

Night Dresses of muslin, yoke of all-over embroidery, collar, yoke and sleeves trimmed with deep ruffle of embroidery; $1.50.

Night Dresses of cambric, empire style, trimmed with embroidery and ribbon bow; $1.00.

Corset Covers Corset Covers of cambric, V shape neck, trimmed with embroidery and insertion; 35c.

Corset Covers of cambric, trimmed with embroidery, drawing string at waist; 30c.

Corset Covers of muslin, V neck front, trimmed with double row of embroidery; 25c.

Corset Covers of cambric, V neck, trimmed with lace; 25c.

Corset Covers of cambric, high back, square front, trimmed with embroidery; 8c. Three pieces only sold to one buyer.

Corset Covers of cambric, round neck, trimmed with lace; 50c.

Chemises Chemises of Muslin, yoke of fine plaits and insertion, neck and armholes trimmed with embroidery; 50c.

Chemises of Muslin, yoke of embroidery insertion, neck and armholes trimmed with embroidery; 50c.

Chemises of Muslin, neck and armholes trimmed with neat cambric ruffle; 18c. Three pieces only sold to one buyer.

Chemises of Muslin, corded band neck and armholes, open front; 25c.

Chemises of Muslin, trimmed with cambric ruffle and embroidery insertion; 35c.

Drawers Drawers of Muslin, with deep hem and cluster of plaits above, open; 15c. Three pieces only sold to one buyer.

Drawers of Muslin or cambric, trimmed with embroidery, open; 35c.

Drawers of Muslin, deep cambric ruffle, with one row of hemstitching, open; 25c.

Drawers of Muslin or cambric, trimmed with deep ruffle of embroidery and fine plaits, open or closed; 50c.

White Petticoats Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, cambric ruffle with cluster of fine plaits; 75c.

Petticoats of Muslin, cambric ruffle with one row of hemstitching; 40c.

Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, lawn ruffle trimmed with embroidery; $1.50.

Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, lawn ruffle trimmed with two rows of embroidery insertion and fine plaits; $1.25.

Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, cambric ruffle trimmed with embroidery; $1.00.

Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, trimmed with embroidery; 50c.

Petticoats of Muslin, trimmed with three rows of insertion and one row of lace; $1.00.

Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, cambric ruffle with three rows of hemstitching; 90c.

Short Petticoats of Muslin, umbrella shape, with cambric ruffle, trimmed with embroidery; 50c.

Men's White Shirts White shirts of strong muslin, with linen bosoms, single or double plait, with or without eyelets, re-inforced front and back, protected openings, cushion neckband, scarf tape, long or short sleeves. Sizes from 12 to 18. Unlaundered, 35c. each; 3 for $1.00. Laundered, 50c. each.

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{SEAL} Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register,

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fifth day of Dec. A. D. 1898, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said administrator, on or before the fifth day of Dec. 1899, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 3.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Local News.

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—The Imitation Buffalo Robes with Job lots of Plush Robes and Horse Blankets at J. C. Parker & Son.

—Mr. Wm. H. Voshell has moved from Smith's Mills which he sold last year to Representative Shallcross to the Brick Mill property between Odessa and Middletown.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—These are days in which exposed water pipes are apt to freeze. It should be remembered that boiling water ought never to be poured down a frozen pipe. Cold water and salt is the proper treatment, and one which will not injure the pipes.

—A Dover mother is a firm believer in the "laying on of hands" cure. She says that she cured her boy of smoking cigarettes by this process. Quite a large number of Middletown lads, perhaps, could be cured in a like manner.

—Those of our subscribers who have changed their residences and have failed to notify us, will have themselves to blame if they do not receive their paper this week. In notifying us, give the name of the old post office as well as the new.

—The man to whom the New Year will be a gain will be the man who reaches up to a higher plane of living, a better understanding of duty as a citizen and a clearer conception of the truth that it always pays best to be a man in all dignity and force that the term implies.

—The favorites, Guy Bros. Minstrels, will appear in the Opera House, Tuesday, January 10th, with an entire new show and company, bigger and better than ever. The press and public saw it is the best they ever had. The Guy Bros. are no strangers in Middletown. They gave great satisfaction here last season. Don't miss seeing them.

—The indications in the various industrial establishments along the Christiana river are for a prosperous new year in the various plants. While the conditions during the year just ended were very gratifying the officials of many firms have hopes that the coming year will bring with it a greater tide of prosperity than has been had for six years at least.

—There are in the State of Delaware 70 Young People's Societies of the Christian Endeavor with 3340 members; 34 junior societies, with 1054 members; two intermediate societies, with 45 members. Divided by denominations the societies are: Presbyterian, 30; Methodist Protestant, 23; Methodist Episcopal, 9; Baptist, 7; Union, 3; Reformed Episcopal, 1; African Methodist Episcopal, 4; African Methodist Protestant, 2.

—The merchants of the town have agreed on and after Monday evening next to close their stores at 8 o'clock. This agreement to hold good until April 1st when a further understanding may be had. Messrs. Brockson and Connellee took the initiative. This is a wise move, giving to proprietors and clerks their winter evenings for rest or recreation, and dealers should respect the rights of the trades' people by making purchases early. There are many ways to help each other, to do each other a kindness; this is one of them.

Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Carpenter, of Hillsboro, lost two attractive children last week with membraneous croup. One was six years and the other three years old. This sad bereavement leaves them childless. They have the heartfelt sympathy of all classes in the community.—Denton Union. [Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are well-known in this community, he for several years having served the church at Townsend where they were married. The friends here are sorry to hear of their great bereavement.—ED.]

—There will be smart tendency to storminess the first two or three days of the month. Change to colder, fair weather will ensue, about 3d to 5th. The barometer will fall, and during the 5th to 8th more storms of rain and snow will traverse most sections. Look for marked change to warmer in all western parts about the 11th. From 11th to 16th look for rain, ending in sleet. A storm period will come between 16th and 20th, with more snow and sleet, followed by severe cold and blizzard. Similar conditions will prevail about 23d to 26th. The month closes in a regular storm period.—Hicks' for January weather.

—David Eastburn, ex-president of the Newport National Bank, ex-member of the Legislature, and one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Mill Creek hundred, was buried Wednesday afternoon at Mill Creek Meeting House burying ground. The funeral was largely attended by the friends and admirers of the man whose well-spent life has left a deep impress upon the affairs of the community in which he lived for nearly 89 years, and where for over half a century he was known as a kindly benefactor, who never turned a deaf ear to those who were truly in need of help.

—Why not go to Trihkiere's to-day and get your Photos taken. Prices cheap.

—A fine Fresh Milch Cow for sale on terms to suit, by G. E. HUKILL, Middletown, Del.

—The date for the dinner to be given by the Wilmington Board of Trade to Hon. George Gray of the Spanish-American Peace Commission has been fixed for Saturday evening January 14th. President McKinley will be invited, Hon. Whitelaw Reid, of New York, Hon. William R. Day, of Canton, O., Senators Cushman K. Davis and William P. Frye, who, with Senator Gray, formed the Peace Commission, and John Bassett Moore of Columbia University, New York, the counsel for the commission, will also be invited. If the present hopes and plans of the committee of arrangements are successful the banquet will be the finest ever given in Wilmington,

—It is possible that at the coming session of the Legislature an effort will be made to secure the passage of a bill to provide a State penitentiary, but those interested in the matter have not fully decided whether to make the attempt. Efforts were twice made to secure the passage of such a bill but failed because the members of the Legislature declared that it would be too expensive a way to keep prisoners. Since the last bill was defeated there has been a considerable change of opinion on the matter. Some of the newspapers in the lower part of the State have declared in favor of such a movement, and some of the grand juries in the State have done the same.

ROLLS OF HONOR.

The following named pupils of the Middletown Public School are on the Roll of Honor for the month ending December 31st, 1898:

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—Caleb W. Johnson, Roy Voshell, George I. Lockwood, Harry Brady, Augustus J. Nowland, Eugene H. Shallcross, Bright Cleaver, Katie Truax, Eva E. Whitlock, Mary Holten, Bertha Geary, Edith Wilson, R. M. McCrone.

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WOODLAND SCHOOL.

Roll of Honor for Woodland School, District 96, for December 1898: Bayard Eliason, Bessie Bishop, Stella Bishop, Edward Morgan, George Paxon.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

At its last meetiug the club received a very pretty "Lend a Hand" calendar from the State Federation of Clubs. On the outer cover is the famous "Lend a Hand" quotation from Edward Everett Hale, and inside with each month is a picture of that author and a quotation from his works.

After the reading of a letter from Mrs Warner, of Wilmington, concerning "Educational Committee Work," a good paper, entitled "England under the Protectors," was read by Miss Parvis for Miss Wright, the latter being absent. Following this was told, in her own way, "The Story of Charles II Life and Reign" by Miss Annie Ellison, and an excellent article on "The Life of Jonathan Swift, written by Miss Eliza Cochran and read by Miss Saidee Pharo, concluded the program.

The program for next week is as follows: Roll call, quotations from currrent events; "William and Mary," Miss Salye Cochran; "Alexander Pope," Mrs. Frank R. Pool; "Anne," Miss Bessie Reynolds; "Joseph Addison," Miss Clara Blackiston. All members who can possibly attend the club next week are urgently requested to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

MRS. BOTKIN CONVICTED.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was convicted of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning in the San Francisco courts on Friday night, December 30th, and the penalty fixed at imprisonment for life. It is Mrs. Botkin's sex that saved her from the gallows. The jury retired at 5.15 and was out but four hours, one hour of which was spent at dinner. The laws of California empower a jury to decide between hanging and life imprisonment in first degree murder convictions. The jury on the first ballot stood 10 for hanging and 2 for life imprisonment. The second ballot was 11 for hanging and 1 for life imprisonment. But the one stood firm and after much discussion the eleven went over to him sooner than have a disagreement.

It appears that Mrs. Botkin had the utmost confidence that she would be acquitted and that she would spend New Year's Day with her sister. Her attorneys were of the same opinion, and showed a remarkable confidence in a failure of the prosecution to make out a case throughout the entire trial.

Mrs. Botkin's lawyer's do not propose to accept as final the verdict of the jury without making a strong effort to obtain a new trial and possible reversal of judgment George A. Knight, leading attorney for the defence, says: "Our first step will be to move for a new trial on the day set for the passing of sentence, (to-day) or as soon thereafter as we can be heard. If the new trial is denied, of course we shall go to the Supreme Court, and at that time shall raise the question of jurisdiction. This court never had, and never can get, jurisdiction to try Mrs. Botkin. It is a plain question of law, and I have not the slightest doubt of the Supreme Court's decision on that point."

The State of Delaware offered $2,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the prisoner and this will be paid as soon as it is determined who is entitled to the money. The feeling in Delaware against Governor Budd, of California, at the time he refused Mrs. Botkin's extradition to Delaware has changed to one of satisfaction. It would have cost considerable to bring the San Francisco witnesses here, and the authorities are perfectly content, especially Attorney-General White.

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PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. T. Edgar Clayton's health did not permit of the church wedding announced for Wednesday, Miss Alice L. Eliason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs A. S. Eliason, of Mt. Pleasant, being the bride, was a matter of regret to all their friends. But very sensibly the wedding took place at the newly furnished home in the presence of numerous relatives and friends. Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., performed the ceremony. The best of well wishes attend the happy couple for many years of prosperity and happiness.

—Miss Saidee M. Pharo entertained the card club at her home near town on Monday of this week, the day being changed on account of the wedding announced for Wednesday, their usual day. Miss Ada Cochran carried off the first prize; Miss Salye Cochran second, while Miss Ethel Brady was awarded the consolation.

—Miss Mabel S. Cochran entertained a few friends, at her home "Spring garden" near town on Wednesday, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran. Among those present were: Misses Daisy McAuley, Addie Woodal, Jennie McCauley, Annie Cochran, Addie Cochran, Mabel Cochran, Agnes L. Cochran, Salye V. Cochran, Mrs. S. M. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran, Messrs. Holt Woodall, Dan Cochran, Douglas Cochran, Malcomb Cochran, Herman McAuley. Refreshments were served during the evening. After an late hour they all left for home.

—Mrs. Albert Williams from near Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Donovan near town.

—Mrs. W. E. Barnard, baby Helen and Miss Covington are visiting friends at Cheswold, Kent County, Del.

—The Misses Mary and Will Beaston and Miss Mary Lippincott have returned from a visit with friends in the Quaker City.

—Miss May Holton is the guest of Mrs. Boyd McCoy near Kirkwood, Delaware.

—Miss Mary Price returned on Thursday from a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Matilda Budd, of Wilmington, was in town on Tuesday.

—Mr. Samuel Kelley, of Philadelphia, is home on the sick list.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Naudain and children returned to their home in Baltimore on Wednesday.

—Mr. Hunter, of the Quaker City, was the guest of Miss Daisy Naudain this week.

—Mr. Thomas Hall, of Johnstown, Pa., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Hall. Mr. William Hall returned to Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., on Tuesday.

—Miss Daisy McAleer accompanied by Miss Ada Cochran returned to her home in New York on Thursday. Miss Cochran will spend some time in New York.

—Mrs. Andrew Hayes, of Chester, Pa., is visiting friends in town.

—Miss Lizzie Lockwood is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lydia Price.

—Miss Lottie DeValinger, of Claymont, Del., is visiting her father, Mr. Henry C. DeValinger.

THE EX-GOVERNOR'S ESTATE.

The will of Ex-Governor John P. Cochran was read on Monday to the family by John H. Rodney, Esqr., who drew it. It has not been probated but will be to-day, and only its general provisions are known to the public. The governor had evidently given much thought to the distribution of his estate and his will not only gives satisfaction to the heirs but to the critical public, it seems, which is another proof of Governor Cochran's excellent business training. The reality is divided as follows:

To his oldest son, William R. Cochran, the farm of 200 acres adjoining "Cochran Grange" from which Mr. Cochran removed to town two years ago and now occupied by John P. Cochran, Jr. Also the farm of 254 acres now tenanted by Robert Morgan.

To his oldest daughter, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, the farm on Bohemia Manor of 465 acres now tenanted by George Rhodes.

To his second son, Charles P. Cochran, the home farm, "Cochran Grange" of 365 acres.

To Mrs. Eliza Green, his second daughter the farm of 200 acres where C. Malcomb Cochran now resides, and the Maryland farm of 400 acres tenanted by Bedford Roe.

To the youngest son, Julian Cochran, the farm of 275 acres on the Levels tenanted by A. H. Donovan, and the farm at Mt. Pleasant of 180 acres where Benjamin Armstrong has lived so many years.

To the children of his deceased son John Cochran, he left three farms in Kent county, Maryland, viz: To Victor Cochran 200 acres now tenanted by Howard Clendaniel; to Clarence Cochran 175 acres now tenanted by William Jones; to Warren Cochran and his sister, Mrs. Howard A. Pool, together, 270 acres known as the Frazer farm. It is said the children are to pay their mother, Mrs. Ella Cochran, an annuity.

To the seven grand daughters the Mt. Pleasant farm of 190 acres tenanted by James Brown.

The Clendaniel farm of 400 acres on the road to Murphy's Mills is to be sold.

To his widow the governor left the town property now occupied by Dr. W. E. Barnard, it having been purchased three years ago as a home for Mrs. Cochran should she be the longest liver. She receives besides, it is said, a handsome bequest in cash and a liberal annuity.

To John C. Green, his grandson, he left $1500. There are other bequests.

Mr. Charles P. Cochran, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, and Mr. Joseph L. Gibson are the executors.

The grain on the several farms, wheat and corn, has not been sold and goes with the land to the several heirs.

NECROLOGY.

MISS MATILDA REYBOLD MURPHEY.

Miss Matilda Reybold Murphey died Saturday at one o'clock at the home of her brother, Mr. Thomas C. Murphey, 759 N. 40th Street, Philadelphia, after an illness of two years. She was born in 1851 at the old home place, "Roseland," 1½ miles west of Middletown. The deceased was brought here on the noon train Tuesday. Services were held at her sister's, Mrs. Mary A. Hall's, at one o'clock, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., of Forest Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Charles P. Cochran, J. Frank McWhorter, John S. Crouch, Col. T. H. Gilpin, Martin B. Burris and Charles Derrickson.

MRS. MARY VANDEGRIFT.

Mrs. Vandegrift, the widow of William M. Vaudegrift and sister of the late Thomas Cavender, died at his late residence on South Broad street on Tuesday morning, aged 76. For years she had made her home with her brother, her husband having died 30 years ago. She was a victim of the grip which is doing deadly work all over the land. Funeral services were held Thursday, interment at Old Drawyers.

Clayton—Eliason.

On Wednesday, January 4th, 1899, at the residence of the groom by the Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., Mr. Thomas Edgar Clayton, of East Choptank, near Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Alice Lavina Elieson, daughter of Andrew S. Elieson, of Mount Pleasant; Delaware.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. Hunter is quite ill at the home of her daughter in Baltimore.

Miss Ella Cleaver spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss M. Janvier, Miss Marley and Miss Beulah Marley have returned from Clayton, Miss Janvier is a grippe victim since her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and children, of Newark, were entertained by friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. George C. Bennett and son returned to Harrisburg on Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Clark attended the funeral of her friend, Miss Mott, last week.

The skating was fine on the basin and canal until the thaw. A boy from Red Lion who was fishing up the canal fell in and was drowned.

The "Twelfth Night" party will be held in the parish house on Thursday evening instead of Friday night which is the 12th night.

Miss Agnes Hillman, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Reybold.

Mrs. Morris Wilkinson spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss R. Sullivan, of Philadelphia, was in town this week.

Mr. George Kennedy and Miss Nellie Vail visited friends in Wilmington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks and children, of Stanton, visited relatives here this week.

Miss May Everengam is with her grandmother in Baltimore.

The week of prayer was observed in the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Arthur F. Lewis spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vail spent Thursday in Chesapeake City.

Rev. Mr. Wiley, of New Castle, preached in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening.

The funeral of Miss Mary O'Neil took place on Monday. Services were held in St. Peter's Church which was crowded with Protestants as well as Catholics. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Higgins who is in charge. The sermon and committal service by Rev. Father Brady, of New Castle, who spoke in glowing terms of the young girl "whose brief life had been one of loving work for the church and who was beloved by so many. He also warned others to be prepared for the final summons which comes to each and all." The music was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Featherstone and Miss Kurley, of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral, of Wilmington, and was exquisitely sung. There was a profusion of floral tributes.

A lady travelling recently from Philadelphia on a west-bound train noticed two young men sitting near her facing each other. One was a soldier, the other a sailor bearing the name of his ship on his cap. A name familiar just now to all newspaper readers. Presently she saw the sailor take a bottle of beer from inside the bosom of his flannel shirt and heard him ask the soldier to drink with him. The soldier declined saying he did not drink. The sailor, who was but a boy, finished the bottle and produced another, again urging the soldier to drink but again the soldier declined. This bottle emptied he drew forth a flask of whiskey. The lady involuntarily left her seat and going to him said gently but earnestly, "Don't drink that, please don't." "Why not?" he asked. "Because it will harm you. Don't drink it." "What difference does it make, nobody cares for me, nor what I do." "Have you no mother," he shook his head, "nor father—no one?" "Yes, I've got a sister in Chicago but she don't care for me and I care less for her. So here goes." "Somebody does care for you. God cares for you." "Say mam are you one of them tempe ance women?" "No. "Not one of them lecture s?" "No; I do not belong to anything of the kind." "Then why are you persuading me not to drink." "Because it makes me feel so sorry, so sad to see you, a boy, you poor boy doing so. You have been in danger recently?" "Yes, mam, I was on the —— and done my duty too." "Well, don't you know God was then right beside you warding danger off from you." 'Twas He who saved your life then and oh how grieved He is to see you now. He is here now, always with you and He wants you to do right, and He will help you if you will only let Him. Think, you are only a boy yet! then as he lifted the flask towards his lips she laid her hand on his arm saying, "Oh boy, don't! If not for your own sake then for mine." "Do you care—do you really care?" "I really care." "Why? you don't know me." "No I do not know you but I care. I cannot help but care." He looked at her a moment then opened the car window and threw the flask out saying, "Here goes then." The lady could not speak to him for joy, but gently laying her hand on his pressed it and turning went back to her seat. Not until she faced the car full of passengers did she realize what she had done. She says she forgot there was a creature there but the soldier, sailor and herself. Are there many such women? There are many mothers like her, whose own boys are dear to them, who might sometimes say a "word in time"—just as she did—from their very heart.

ODESSA NOTES.

School began Tuesday to the great sorrow of the little folks, for the sledding was fine and they hated to be deprived of their pleasure.

Miss Neil Townsend has returned from Wilmington where she spent part of the holidays.

Miss Ethel Mailly returned to the West Chester Normal School on Monday.

Mr. Alfonso Lord returned from Philadelphia on Saturday,

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr., and children have been spending the first week of the New Year with their aunt, Miss Mary Williams, at her home in Germantown. Mr. Aspril returned Wednesday.

Mr. Elias N. Moore and Mr. George L Townsend were in Dover on Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris is spending a few days with Mrs. Elias N. Moore.

Mr. John Keegan is quite sick at his home near town, threatened with pneumonia. His sister Marcella Keegan, is ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. Wm. H. Hickey has been quite sick all this week,

Mrs. Josephine Handy who has been nursing her aunt, Mrs. Eliza Appleton, has returned to her home in Philadelphia Mrs. Appleton is improving and is now able to be about the house.

Mrs. Lydia Foard and family moved to Newark, N. J., this week Mrs. Foard and her children have a large circle of friends and they will be very much missed.

Mr. Joseph W. Brown returned to his studies at Delaware College on Tuesday.

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KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

C. R. Ferguson, senior member of the undertaking firm of Ferguson & Son, of Dover, died yesterday, aged 78 years.

Wm. H. Vinyard aged 74 years, died at his home near Houston on December 31st, 1898, after an illness of several weeks duration.

Beniah Watson, of Dover, died yesterday in Dover, aged 57, of paralysis. He has been ill for three years. He was the son of Curtis S. Watson, late of Milford, and cousin of ex-Gov. W. T. Watson.

Rev. Frank N. Faulkner, of Canterbury, and Miss Cora Wix, near Frederica, will be married next Wednesday evening, and Miss Cora Blizzard and Mr. John C. Slaughter, will have a church wedding at Little Creek, on the evening of the 28th inst.

Alex. Rosa, son of J. J. Rosa, of Milford has invented a machine for cleaning sweet potatoes. It is about the size of an ordinary grain fan and is turned with a crank and has cylinder brushes which revolve around and clean the potatoes as they passed through. It has a blower attached to it.

Curtis S. Vinyard, a much respected farmer aged 77 years, died at his residence in Milford hundred, Wednesday morning, January 4th, 1899, after an illness of one week of kidney affection. It is highly probable that his death was superinduced by the death of his brother, Wm. H. Vinyard, who died last Saturday morning.

Ernest C. Wharton, aged 50 years, living in St. Jones' Neck, was accidentally shot in the knee Wednesday. He attempted to take a gun from the wagon, the hammer struck the foot of the wagon, causing the gun to discharge. The entire load entered his right leg just below the knee joint. The flesh was torn away fully six or eight inches in length and as wide as the palm of the hand. The arteries were severed and the wound presented a ghastly appearance.

Dr. John M. Comegys died Friday in Dover. Dr. Comegys is the youngest son of Hon. Cornelius P. Comegys, a former Governor of Delaware. He was a brother of the late Chief Justice Comegys. When quite a young man, Dr. Comegys left his native State and went to Vermont where he built up a large practice in dentistry. Subsequently his love for his old home induced him to return, and for several years he has practiced his profession in Dover. He was twice married in Vermont, and had one son, who died soon after coming of age. He was 70 years old last October.

To the Members of the Y. M. C. A.

You are earnestly requested to attend a special meeting at our Rooms on Thursday evening, January 12th, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired as matters of very great importance to the Association are to be considered.

J. A. SUYDAM, President.

We Take Stock This Week

This after-season inventory discloses a great many single garments and articles in every department that we are particularly anxious to clean out of once. A little time in looking through will save you money, and may get just what you want. We are making up all sizes in our $10 and $12 Black Cheviot Sack Suits. Match them any where for fit, trimming, style and make-up. Our own make of Black Diagonal Suits will give you satisfaction in every way, sack or cutaway coat suits. Will you need a new Dress Suit this season? Ready-made, $18 to $30; made to order, $25 to the best.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY to all to whom these presents shall come, that we, Robert S. Baird, of the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James H McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight and is to end on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

ROBERT S. BAIRD, [L. S.]
JAMES M. McCOMB, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of HORACE G. KNOWLES.

STATE OF DELAWARE, New Castle County; } ss.

Be it remembered, that on this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, personally come before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledge that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [L. S.]
Justice of the Peace.

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Notice—Election!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN, Middletown, Del., Dec. 12th, 1898.

The Annual Election for Ten Directors will be held at the banking house, on SATURDAY JANUARY 14th, 1899, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice--Election!

An election will be held at the Creamery Building in Odessa, Del., on

TUESDAY, JAN. 17th, 1899.

at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing NINE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

Odessa, Del., Jan. 4, '99.

Notice--Dividend!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF ODESSA, January 4th, 1899.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT clear of taxes, payable on and after 11th inst.

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Men's Fine Suits, silk lined, in Gray and Brown Cheviot; here's a Suit made to sell at $12. Only 10 suits in this lot, price was 8, price now **$5.00.**

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Men's $9 Storm Overcoats Reduced to $6.50.

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Ladies' Fine All Wool Kersey Coats, double breasted, box front, some trimmed with braid, others finished with silk stitching and worth $5.50. Reduced to **$2.98.**

Children's $2 Coats reduced to **98c.** Children's Mixed Cheviot Reefers, large sailor collars, trimmed with braid, size 6 to 9 years. Reduced to **98c.**

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Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 7, 1899.

MY MARYLAND.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

Under the new law in Queen Anne's county, all delinquent taxpayers' names will be advertised as such by the county treasurer after January first.

Dogs are playing havoc among the sheep in the neighborhood of Fairlee. Messrs. Wm. G. Smyth, S. C. LeCompt, S. D. Leaverton and others are among the losers.

Nehemiah Bailey, a widely known former resident of Queen Anne county, died in Baltimore, recently after a lingering illness, in his eighty-sixth year. He was born in Caroline county, April 20, 1813, but resided at Centreville the greater part of his life. He filled a number of public offices.

Two old citizens of Rock Hall, who are now enjoying excellent health, have ordered coffins for their interment. The specifications are very exact, one of the requirements being that oak boards shall be used. Another old citizen has had for twenty years the stalk of fine walnut lumber to be used in making his coffin stored away ready for use at a moment's notice.—Centreville Record.

Frank Quimby, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. William Quimby who resides near Wye Mills, met with a very painful accident, recently. Young Quimby, with a friend, started to go duck-shooting and in putting his gun in the boat the hammer struck the side of the boat and was discharged, the load tearing his right hand severely. He hastened back to his father's house where a physician was summoned who found it necessary to amputate his hand.

John White, the oldest citizen of Wicomico county, died at an early hour Tuesday Dec. 27th, surrounded by his immediate family. He had been in failing health for two years, but there was no evidence that the end was near till he was seized with an attack of grip on Wednesday previous. He passed his 95th birth day August 15th, last. He had been quite prominent in town (Salisbury) and county affairs.

On Wednesday morning at the same hour, Kendall Perdue, of Parsonsburg, passed away at the age of 94. One year younger and lived one day longer. Mr. Perdue and Mr. White were school mates.

George Philip an aged citizen of Quantico district was waylaid Saturday night while going from Quantico to his home in Nutter's Neck, and robbed; and is now lying in an unconscious condition with his skull probably fractured. During the evening on Saturday he was in Quantico and called at one or two places to get a small check cashed, and was seen to have the money. He left the town about midnight for his home. When about one mile from town he was struck by some one from the rear on the back of the head which felled him. How long he lay there is not known but succeeded in regaining his feet and reaching the home of Everett Gordy about one mile below. Shortly afterward he became unconscious and has remained so to this time. He was robbed of the money paid him on the check. The attack was undoubtedly made for the purpose of robbery.—Salisbury Advertiser.

Dr. Barber and Henry Nichols recently purchased the high bred stallion "Andrew M." at a public sale and it now appears that the animal is very much desired by some anxious horse breeders, at the following clipping from the Baltimore Herald indicates:

"That clever horseman and trainer Nat Dwyer, has just returned from a trip to Maryland. His mission to that part of the country illustrates a phase of the horse business. At the recent trotting sale the high bred stallion. "Andrew M" was put under the hammer and was sold to a Maryland gentleman for $461. When it was too late, some of the foreign buyers who wanted a promising young stallion realized that they had allowed a good thing to slip through their fingers. A few days ago Mr. Dwyer received a commission by cable to go to Maryland and try to get the horse. Armed with a fairly good sized roll of bank bills Dwyer arrived at the new home of Andrew M., but all his persuasive eloquence failed to induce the new owner to sell the horse. A good profit was offered, then raised, but it was no go. Finally the direct question was put: "What will you take for him?" "Not a cent less than $3,000."—Elkton Gazette.

Beyond His Depth.

"Is that friend of yours still dabbling in politics?"

"Well," answered the old campaigner, with a sympathetic sigh, "he dabbled for awhile, but the first thing he knew he slipped over the edge and went in clean out of sight."—Washington Star.

KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

Jonathan Longfellow, of Felton, celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary on Friday night, and including his great-grandchildren there were 200 present.

Since July 1, when the war tax went into effect, Kent countians who deal with the two banks of Dover in the way of checks, drafts, notes, etc., have paid in tax stamps in amounts of two cents at a time, about $1,750.

While driving on the Frederica causeway Christmas night Benjamin Reed, aged about twenty years, was thrown out of his carriage by a runaway horse and kicked so badly that he died Monday morning. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reed, of Barcus' Landing, but formerly of Camden.

The basket and crate factory of H. C. Ford & Bros., at Cheswold, was entirely destroyed by fire early last Sunday morning. Loss, $2,000; no insurance. The firm was preparing to turn out 1,000,000 strawberry baskets for the coming season. Some fifteen or twenty women are thrown out of employment and the entire community feels the loss. The firm was also preparing to make up a large quantity of peach and truck baskets as well as berry crates. The members of the firm are preparing to rebuild at once.

The town of Milford was threatned Friday morning with a most disastrous fire. It started in the steam laundry of H. L. Grier in the business section of the town, and was caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine. The building and its entire contents were completely destroyed, which means a loss of over $1,000. Owing to the water supply being frozen, there was delay, and the fire spread to the adjoining building occupied by the Firemen's Band, the Hose Company, and the room of the town council, all of which were damaged. A hardware store and a barber shop near the laundry, were also badly damaged. The loss will aggregate fully $5,000, partly insured. The building occupied by the steam laundry was owned by Dr. G. W. Marshall. A house near the Baptist Branch, three miles from Milford, was also totally destroyed by fire the same day.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

John Roe, of Seaford, Monday attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself, but he was discovered and cut down.

Farmer James Smith, of near Bridgeville, on Monday night shot a thief who was trying to loot his hen roost, but the man escaped.

Miss Emma Jones, daughter of Mrs. Eunice M. Jones, of Georgetown was married to Prof. John P. Burdette, Vice Principal of the Conference Academy, of Dover, Christmas week. The bride is a sister of George W. and Frank M. Jones.

The storehouse of A. E. Adams at Cannon, with its contents, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Owing to the high wind and the rapid spread of fire, Mr. Adams was unable to save any of his stock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will amount to about $1,500. It is said the store and stock were insured for $2,500, which will fully cover Mr. Adams's loss.

George R. Walls of Lewes was drowned in Delaware bay on Saturday afternoon two miles off Slaughter Beach. He, in company with John H. Millis, was sailing from Fourteen Foot Lighthouse in a yawl, when a sudden gust of wind capsized the boat. Both men crawled upon the boat's bottom, but Walls was washed off by a heavy sea before rescuers reached them and immediately sank. Millis was rescued by Captain Holland and the crew of the schooner R. Postless. He was nearly frozen and in a semi-conscious state. Walls leaves a mother, who was dependent on him for support.

For many years, when in health, it was the custom of Dr. C. H. Richards to give a Christmas treat to the unfortunates at the Alms House each year. Since he has been unable to perform this pleasant duty himself, his wife has kept up the practice and Christmas eve she sent quite a lot of Christmas good things and presents that they appreciated very highly. Rev. Adam Stengle made an address and vocal music was furnished by several young ladies of the town, on Sunday, Overseer Fred W. Walls made the occasion still more joyous to the inmates by giving them another treat and a "goose dinner." The occasion was much enjoyed by all.

A LONG LOST BROTHER FOUND.

About 33 years ago four sons, Philip, John, George and Thomas Green resided with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Green, near the Drawbridge, Sussex county. After the death of Mr. Green, his widow, with her two sons—George and Thomas—moved with relatives on a farm near Frederica, leaving the other two boys—Philip and John—with their uncle, Mr. John O. Green, near Angola. After the death of the mother Philip lost all trace of his brother Thomas, and for the past twenty-years he did not know whether Thomas was dead or alive.

Last week, through a friend who had been visiting near Bridgeville, he learned that a Thomas Green was living near that place, and that Thomas Green said he had a brother by the name of Philip, but did not know what had become of him, Philip was informed of the fact, and Tuesday drove to Bridgeville and recognized his long lost brother, after a separation of so many years.

Since Thomas left his old home near the Drawbridge he has been in Georgetown on several occasions, and about 17 years ago worked with Mr. R S Johnston, near Stockley Station. His other two brothers are still living, one residing in Wilmington and the other near Angola, Sussex county.—Sussex Journal.

Washington . . . Letter

THE President and Mrs. McKinley held their first New Year reception in the White House, today, having been compelled by mourning to omit the '98 reception. The reception was as brilliant as usual, but there was a tinge of sadness in Congressional and Diplomatic circles which could not be shook off. They could not forget that the remains of the oldest Senator, both in years and in service—Morrill, of Vermont—after a funeral Saturday afternoon, in the Senate Chamber, were on the way to his state for interment; nor that the funeral of the oldest diplomat, in point of service, and probably the most popular personally—Senor Matias Romero, late Mexican ambassador to the U. S.—was only held Sunday afternoon, and was attended by most of them. Senor Romero came to Washington in 1859 and with the exception of several short periods had been continuously connected with the Diplomatic Corps until his death. President McKinley thought seriously of abandoning the reception, because of these two deaths so close together, but after conferring, by proxy with leading diplomats he concluded to hold it.

In view of the critical condition of affairs in the Philippines for which Spanish duplicity and Germany's secret dealing with Aquinaldo are believed to be partly responsible, delay in ratifying the treaty of peace will be almost criminal, because it may result in a considerable loss of life and property. It is generally admitted that the ratification of the treaty has no bearing one way or the other on the final disposition of the Philippines or on the question of expansion, and seventy senators have promised to vote for ratification; therefore there is absolutely no excuse for delay, and those senators who attempt it, if any do, will invite the public condemnation that they will almost certainly receive.

The condition of the U. S. Treasury now and one year ago furnishes an object lesson to the world of the almost limitless financial resources of this country. Most nations emerge from war with their finances in a more or less crippled condition. Not so with this country. We fought a victorious war, all on a cash basis, and we have a cash balance in our treasury of about $55,000,000.00 more than we had one year ago. Here are the exact figures, which will arouse the envy of the richest nations of the world: Cash balance on hand January 1, 1898 $235,474,769: Cash balance on hand January 1, 1899 $290,000.00.

The charge of General Miles, that beef unfit for use was furnished the army during the war with Spain, is likely to be thoroughly investigated. The War Investigating Commission is now working upon it, and the Secretary of War has ordered a Board of Survey, composed of army officers, to make a searching investigation of the charge and to report its findings as early as possible. Col. Denby, a member of the War Investigating Commission, says the canned beef industry is at stake; that if the charge of General Miles is proven, American canned beef will be barred out of every country in the world, which would be a very serious matter, not only to meat packers, but to cattle raisers.

Vermonters in Washington say they do not expect an extra session of the legislature, which will not meet regularly again until October, 1900, to be called to elect a successor to the late Senator Morrill. The Governor will name a successor and he will occupy the seat until the regular session of the legislature desides whether he or some other Republican shall occupy it for the remainder of the term. It is believed that either Representative Grout or ex-Gov. Dillingham will be appointed.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet Secretary Hay was instructed to disapprove the Serynser cable concession, which was obtained from the late Governor of Hawaii upon the condition that it should lapse if disapproved by the U. S. Secretary of State within six months. This concession gave the company a monopoly of all cable comunication with Hawaii, and its disapproval leaves the whole matter open. It is considered certain that there will soon be cable comunication with Hawaii, but whether it will be established by the Government or by private corporation is yet to be settled.

The Department of State has just received from Consul General R. F. Patterson, at Calcutta India, a report, showing the average monthly pay in U. S. money, of different sorts of laborers in India. An able bodied farm laborer is paid from $1.80 to $2.50 a month; unskilled cotton mill laborers from $1.90 to $2.50, and skilled from $4 to $5; household servants from $2.25 to $3; common masons, carpenters and blacksmiths from $4 to $7.50, hostler from $2 to $2.50; unskilled railway labor from $1.60 to $2.12, and skilled from $4 to $4.40, and cooley laborers from $1.90 to $2.25. These would seem to be beggarly wages if the employers fed the person employed, but they do not; the poor devils have to buy their own food.

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Golden Text—"And His disciples believed on Him."—John 2: 11.

There was a marriage party in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. How proud the family must have been to have for a guest the one of whom the Angel Gabriel had said, "Blessed art thou among women." How they must have honored her! How Jesus must have loved her! How she must have worshipped her Son, knowing that He was the Son of God!

Jesus and His disciples were also at the wedding party, and when they wanted wine, His mother, who had full confidence in Him, told Him "They have no wine." And now having committed all thing to Him, she said to the servants, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." This is the only precept which she has left to the world, and those of us who love her whom Jesus loved, may please her by obeying Him.

There were six stone water pots sitting there, which the Jews used for washing; and Jesus said to the servants "Fill the water pots with water," and they filled them up to the brim. Then He told them to draw out the contents and hand to the governor of the feast. And as soon as the governor had tasted the water which had been turned into wine, he did not know where it had come from, and complimented the bridegroom on its excellent quality.

This was the beginning of the miracles of Jesus among his disciples, and showed His glory to such an extent that they believed on Him. We have a great advantage over them in this respect, having the wonderful account of many of His great miracles, and some of us have found out that the greatest miracle of all has been worked in our case; and that we have already passed from death unto life, and shall never perish; because Jesus has given unto us eternal life; and that it can never end or it would not be eternal.

Then what a wedding feast we may look forward to when the Bridegroom shall come, and we shall not be guests but the bride for Him to present to His Father, perhaps not a very good bride, but accepted in Him, and loved for the sake of the Son; for He is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." "Then shall every man have praise of God."

The beginning of Jesus' miracles will afford His people a never ending theme when they sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and can look forward to miracles which shall never end, when "The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever," for He will then take unto himself His great power. "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

CURRENT EVENTS.

A man has just been released from prison in New York after a ten years incarceration for a crime he did not commit. A brother, dying, confessed The convicted man knew all the time he was innocent and his brother was guilty, but the brother had consumption and would die soon enough without going to jail, he argued, so he suffered in silence.

The Richmond (Mo.) Republican takes its subscribers into its confidence to this extent: "This paper has eked out an existence of three months on wind. The two former proprietors have hied themselves to pastures new, and we have been left with the bag to hold. If we were hunting snipe our position would be far from an enviable one. But as we are after Republican dollars we live in hopes."

The four sons of John Sumers, at Trail, Ohio, married the four daughters of James Hochstettler, at the latter's home. The young women's ages range from 18 to 28, and the ages of their respective husbands vary only slightly. The ceremony of marrying the four couples occupied almost an hour, the same clergyman performing all. The four brothers and their wives will live within a stone's throw of each other.

The Populists in the lower branch of the Kansas Legislature have passed a bill (which will come before the Senate this week) to provide for submitting to a popular vote in every county a proposition that the county shall erect and operate telephone lines. Likely enough the scheme will carry; and it is quite as likely that one of the earliest results of giving the Kansans unlimited opportunities for talking at home will be to break up their Populistic meetings.

The Dead Monkey.

The following interesting account of animal sympathy is extracted from James Forbes' "Oriental Memories:" "One of a shooting party, under a banyan tree, killed a female monkey and carried it to his tent, which was soon surrounded by 40 or 50 of the tribe, who made a great noise and seemed disposed to attack their aggressor. They retreated when he presented his fowling piece, the dreadful effect of which they had witnessed and appeared perfectly to understand. The head of the troop, however, stood his ground, chattering furiously. The sportsman, who perhaps felt some little degree of compunction for having killed one of the family did not like to fire at the creature, and nothing short of firing would suffice to drive him off. At length he came to the door of the tent, and finding threats of no avail began a lamentable moaning, and the most expressive gesture seemed to beg for the dead body. It was given to him. He took it sorrowfully in his arms and bore it away to his expecting companions. They who were witnesses of this scene resolved never again to fire at one of the monkey race."

Shacabac Wisdom.

The wisdom of the venerable Shacabac, the Wayfarer, one of the chief characters in James Jeffrey Roche's laughable skit, "Her Majesty the King," is in great danger of becoming classic. "A bird on toast," says the venerable sage, "is worth two on a bonnet," which indeed is a truth that any child might comprehend. "If," quoth the Wayfarer, "there be one man on earth who knoweth less than all others, it is he who is the husband of a wife, and she will be the first to tell him the same. While Allah preserveth her, his halo shall never be too small for his head. No man," he continued, "knoweth what true happiness is until he getteth married; then is the knowledge rather a sweet memory than a new boon."—Exchange.

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Philadelphia	7.25	10.20	1.52	3.46	5.59	11.10
Baltimore	6.25	8.23	12 05	2.00	4.20	7.58
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.23		f 2.44		7.04	
New Castle	8.27	f 11.21	2.49	4.39	7.09	
State Road	f 8.33		f 2.54		7.14	
Bear	f 8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7.19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7.2	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7.3	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		7.3	
Armstrong	f 9.03				7.4	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	f 7.48	12.39
Townsend	9.17		3.34	5.28	f 7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		8.01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f 8.07	
Clayton	9.33	12 07	3.15	5.42	8.18	12.47
Smyrna LV	9 29	11.57	3.41	5 21	8.03	
Brenford	f 9.38		f 3.59		8.18	
Cheswold	f 9.43		f 4.04		f 8.24	
Dupont			f 4.0			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f 12.29	4 20	6.05	8.40a	1.24
Woodside	f 10 11			f 6.11	f 8.47	
Viola	f 10.15			f 6.15	f 8.51	
Felton	10 20	f 12.40		6.20	8.56a	1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f 10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f 9.15	
Greenwood	f 10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f 9.23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.1a
Cannons	f 11 03			f 7.02	f 9.36	
Seaford	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.45	2.26
Laurel	11.28	f 1.37		7.21	9.55	a 2.36
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.05	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	FAS P. M
Delmar	11.08		7.00	8.00	2 15	3.39
Laurel	f 11.21		7.11	8.10	f 2.25	3.51
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f 7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	4.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4.49
Viola			f 8.18	f 9.20		f 4.53
Woodside			f 8.22	f 9.24		f 4.57
Wyoming	p 2.46	p 6.57	8.29	9.31	f 3.30	5.05
Dover	2.52	7.03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5.11
Dupont		f 7.08				
Cheswold		f 7.13		f 9.48		f 5.20
Brenford		f 7.18		f 9.53		f 5.25
Smyrna LV		7.15	8.42	9 50	3.41	5.21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10.00	3.54	5.31
Gr'n spring		f 7.29				f 5.37
Blackbird		f 7.35		f 10.09		f 5.43
Townsend		7.40	9 06	10 14	4.07	5.50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.24	4.16	5.58
Armstrong		f 7.54				f 6.02
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f 10 33		6.06
Kirkwood		8.08		10.42		6.16
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.48	4.34	6.22
Bear		f 8.20		f 10.53		6.27
State Road		f 8.25		f 10 58		6.32
New Castle		8.31	9.46	11.04	f 4.47	6.37
Farnhurst		f 8.36	9 50	f 11.09		f 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8.45	9 58	11.19	4.59	6.50
Baltimore	6.10	10.37	11 15	12.35	6.58	8.40
Philadelphia	8.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.43	7.38
	a m.	a m.	a m.	p m.	p m.	p m

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"|" Stops to leave passengers from Middle town and points south.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.

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Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.43 p. m., week-days Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.42 a. m., week-days.

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Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.39 a. m. and 6.37 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.57 a m and 2.40 p. m. week days.

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DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.38 a. m., and 5.47 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.45 a. m., and 1.40 p. m., week-days.

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